

THE Welcome Visitor

"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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THE PILOT OF GALILEE

The lightning flashed, the storm king roared,
The breakers rolled across the sea;
While fiercely through the gale was driven
A little boat on Galilee.

The terrified disciples strove,
With straining oars, their lives to save;
In their wild fear they had forgot
The One whose voice could still the wave.

When suddenly the lightning's gleam
Lit up the Saviour's tranquil face.
Asleep amid the tempest's din,—
Asleep for very weariness.

Ah! then they cried with trembling voice,
"O save us, Master, or we die!"
And though he slept through thunder peals,
He roused at that weak human cry.

Grand and majestic he arose,
The billows wrought their raging will,
The waters of the sea grew still,
He calmly bade them, "Peace! be still."

And every angry crested wave
Fell, softly sobbing, at his feet;
The moon smiled out through clearing clouds,
The waters hushed to slumber sweet.

The stars with unseen angel choirs
Sang anthems o'er the quiet sea;
The glad disciples worshipped him,
That Pilot of blue Galilee.

MINNIE A. SANDERSON.

AFRICA

JAMES SHULTZ,
Mount Vernon, O.

Dear Brother: The time has come for another monthly report. We can report some progress. I have just returned from a visit to Jim, and find that he has his huts finished and is now ready for aggressive work among the people.

He reports that he would not ask for more faithful help than the three boys that I sent him. I had the privilege of seeing the native commissioner of the district where he is located and he gave his hearty approval of our work there. The boys seem to have impressed him very favorably, and he is doing what he can to assist us. I have received only the greatest of favors and kindnesses from all the officials here.

I now have the full written approval of the government for our farm site here. As soon as the land is surveyed we will be able to get the title. As we

are within the limits of the option of the railroad land, I have also obtained their written approval of the location. This makes it as secure as I know how to make it until the survey is made which will probably be done next year.

In harmony with a request from the natives, I have now opened a school about three miles to the north of here. Detja and Mwemba are in charge. They live here and go there and teach in the afternoon.

They report an attendance of twelve. This is the result of a short stay here in the school of a girl from that kraal. She came here to get a divorce from the man she had been sold to. When he gave back the lobola she went home. But during her stay she became interested in the school and now has interested others with the above results.

The opposition from the Jesuit fathers still continues very bitter, while they have succeeded in bringing in some discontent, still some of the boys from near them have entered the school last month. Surely God will give the victory to his truth.

We had a visit from Mouze, the head chief of the Batongas, this month, and he expressed great surprise at what we had accomplished since we came here. He was especially impressed with our farming operations, and also the growing fruit trees.

The head Mashukulumbweindua from Jim's district was so impressed with the farm that he has promised to send two of his young men and ten oxen here to be trained to farm. We require the use of the oxen one year for training them, and we will have the boys in school at least that length of time. If the natives on the Kafui flats ever take to farming like the Makalangas have, they will be able to supply all the Johannesburg mines with grain. Their land is a heavy black loam like the corn belt of Illinois and Iowa. You see that the way is open for branching out.

I am thinking of asking the Mission Board to send a man to help on the station here so that I will be free next year to go north of the Kafui River and also to devote some time to exploring this country and opening outstations. I have secured a re-

versal of the decree that no alien natives shall be stationed on outstations away from a white man, for this district at least, and I am planning to open up the work here the next dry season.

Our school work continues about the same and the interest is good.

Some left us this month as they had completed their year, but their places were filled by new ones so the attendance continues about the same.

Five of our old boys have agreed to remain another year in the school.

These are the best boys we had, and we are glad that they are remaining with us. I hope that others will agree to remain as the time comes for them to decide the matter.

I am going to Kalomo to-morrow to see about buying some cows and to attend to some other business. I will go by train and return here Sunday.

We are busy with the farm work now. We have had no more rains since I wrote you last, but we now have sixty acres ready to plant. I have been marking out some of it to-day. It has been harrowed well and the ground is in splendid condition. We are having a little shower to-day, but nothing much.

The fruit trees are still looking well, and the paw paws are setting on fruit. I am sending an order to Pickstone for oranges, lemons, and grape-fruit. They are to be sent on the first of next month so that I can get them in the ground before I come to Conference.

Naomi has some fever to-day, and Mrs. Anderson had fever while I was at Jim's place. We hope to be able to hold out until conference.

Pray for us and the work here.

There is much to do, and what are we among the many? Your brother in Christ,

W. H. ANDERSON.
Seventh-day Adventist Mission Farm,
Kalomo, N. W. R., Nov. 13, 1906.

THE LAST MESSAGE TO A DYING WORLD

The last Message to all people is the threefold message of Rev. 14: 6-15, with its kindred truths. To say that the time has come for these truths to be given to the world is true, but that would hardly express the

facts as they are. As we examine the prophecies we are forced to the conclusion that these messages must be given to this generation now living upon the earth, and by a more careful study of the Word we find ourselves a long way down in the generation to whom these messages are due, and that but a short time remains to finish up the work. This being true, we are forced to the conclusion that the time has come that every member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church should be a working member.

Let us not begin to make excuses and say, I am not fit to preach, I never will make a preacher, I cannot do anything. It is true God has not called every man and woman to be a preacher by word of mouth; and yet no one is excused from doing his part in carrying this last Message to all people. If we cannot preach, we can scatter the printed pages which will do the preaching for us. All the world is to be warned. Every nation, kindred, tongue, and people is to hear the glad tidings of the soon coming Saviour.

The world in its blindness does not seek after this salvation. It must be brought to them. In this our blessed Lord set us the example. He left the courts of glory, came down to this sinful world to bring to man salvation, and he asks every son and daughter of his to follow in his steps.

If you cannot go forth and preach the word, get a good supply of papers, books, pamphlets, tracts and scatter them among the people like autumn leaves which fall from the trees after the frost has nipped them. They will do the preaching for you in a quiet way, and if anyone gets angry at what they teach and throws them away, they will take the abuse without retaliating and when they are picked up again, in a quiet way they will preach the same thing over again. And so men and women will be brought to a knowledge of the truth for this generation.

(We learn from those of our brethren who are traveling that they frequently make inquiries in different cities where we have large churches and find many in those cities who do not know there are any Seventh-day Adventists there. This shows that our churches have not been scattering tracts like the "autumn leaves" as we did twenty-five years ago. Read Prov. 24: 11, 12.—*Ed.*)

America is a country made up of all nations. There are in the United States alone nearly 31,000,000 people speaking a foreign tongue, and nearly one-half of these cannot speak the English language. They must hear it in their own tongue, and as our brethren and sisters speaking a foreign

language are anxious to have their American neighbors hear the glad message of a soon coming Saviour and provide them with English reading matter, will not our American brethren and sisters everywhere look about them and see if they do not have neighbors speaking another language different from their own? When you learn their nationality provide them with such reading matter that they are able to read. But, you may ask, where can we get the reading matter in the different languages. This may be obtained from the State tract societies. In ordering, state plainly in what language the books, pamphlets, tracts, or papers are wanted, and if the tract society from which you order does not have them in stock, they will order them sent direct to you from the International Publishing Association, College View, Neb.

Since the burning of the Review & Herald at Battle Creek, the International Publishing Association at College View, was established to print our literature in the German, Swedish and Danish-Norwegian languages. This work they are doing to the best of their ability, but the truths for these times in which we live being printed and laid upon the shelves of the publishing houses can do no good; they will not win a single soul for the Master. Brethren, shall we not arouse, wake up, and go to the work as in former days, when we never went anywhere without our pockets full of tracts and papers, and handed them out to every one we met? In this way we sowed the seed so that when the living preacher came along and watered the seed sown, it sprang up and grew, and churches were multiplied everywhere. If this kind of work was necessary in the beginning of the Message, how much more so now that we have reached the time when the Message is about to close forever. Truly the time has come when we should arise and go to work.

The powers of darkness are marshalling their forces all over the world. Sunday laws and persecutions are seen on all sides. These things alone should stir us to action, for we know this just war against those who keep the commandments of God will take place just before the coming of the Master in the clouds of heaven. Hence we see we have but a very short time in which to work, and we should work as we never have worked, scattering tracts and papers among the people as we never did before. And as there are thousands of foreign speaking people in this country in whose languages we have not a living preacher, how shall they hear the

warning Message? Truly they must hear, for the Message is to go to every kindred, tongue, and people before the end comes. Let all our English speaking brethren look about them and find the different nationalities represented and provide them with the silent messengers in their tongues and let all our foreign brethren see to it, that their English neighbors are supplied with reading matter in their tongue, that when the Master comes he will not find their blood on our hands.

The joy of our Lord is to see many souls saved in the kingdom of God through his labor and sufferings, and if we would enter into his joy (Matt. 25: 21-23) we must do something for others to win them for the kingdom of our God. Then shall we enter into the same joy that fills the Master's heart.

H. SHULTZ.

PROPHECY FULFILLED

We have been told that the canvassing work is to be revived. In striking fulfillment of the above, we quote from a letter received from an old canvasser: "I am about to engage in canvassing, and will work for a while with 'Coming King,' and then take up 'Great Controversy,' as I intend to devote the balance of my life to this work. I have what is to me ample evidence that this is God's will for me. There has been no peace or prosperity for me since I quit this work, seventeen years ago, and am sure that there will be none as long as I remain out of it. Since that time, God has been calling me to return to it, but time after time I refused until God allowed great trouble to come upon me. In the midst of my trouble, during the night, I was awakened, and before I was fully awake, the canvassing work was again in mercy presented to my mind. My eyes were opened, and I saw my danger. I at once promised the Lord to obey him in all things, and peace came to me, such peace I had not known for a long time, and it has not departed from me since; and I am persuaded will not as long as I trust and obey."

I hope all the old canvassers will read the book of Jonah with these statements in mind from the Spirit of Prophecy: "Christ gives to every man his work. Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."

You may not have the experience of Paul on his way to Damascus, or even

the experience of the brother above referred to, but if you seek the Lord with your whole heart, he will in some way make known to you what place you should fill.

N. S. MILLER, *Missionary Sec.*

RESOURCES OF THE SOUTH

WILL it pay to invest means in the South? Is it such a poor, barren field that no harvest will be reaped from the seed sown? Are there men of means and intelligence in the South who will ultimately make this work self-supporting, and return into the cause that which will bring souls into the truth in other great mission fields?

To the first question we answer emphatically, Yes; to the second question, a hundred times, No; to the third question, a thousand times, Yes. The South has wondrous resources. Men of the keenest intelligence, men whose blood is the purest Anglo-Saxon, men of unconquerable energy, and of fiery zeal, are the men who are leading the South to-day.

Though there is not the soil in every part of the South that is found in Illinois, Iowa and other States in the wonderful garden valley of the upper Mississippi, yet there are great agricultural possibilities here. What would the world do without the cotton fields of the South? I recently had the privilege of visiting, at Montgomery, Ala., a manufacturing plant which took the cotton in its first raw state, and seeing the process step by step until it came out of the mill as cloth ready to wear. I saw the manufacture of cotton seed oil, and of cotton seed meal. Truly this resource alone has almost illimitable possibilities.

Recently passing through the great cotton fields of Alabama and Georgia, I visited the orange orchards of southern Florida. There I saw also bananas, pineapples, lemons, and other tropical products growing. Northern crops, such as potatoes and garden vegetables, are grown during the winter, and tropical products during the summer. I thought, what a wonderful country! What wonderful possibilities!

Then there is the rice crop; the mighty pine forests, producing turpentine and lumber in almost limitless quantities; the great sugar cane industry; and many other agricultural resources that are peculiar to this part of the United States. There are also mineral resources, an abundance of coal, iron, and other metals, and to a certain extent, the more valuable minerals, silver and gold.

Already a large amount of manufacturing is done in the cities of the

South. Many of the cities will compare favorably with those of the North. The school system in the South, while yet not equal to that in the North, is improving, and in many of the cities may be found excellent educational institutions. Nashville has a number of universities of high class for white people; also the world-famous Fiske University, and other first-class institutions for colored people.

The Lord will give wisdom that our work may be placed on such an elevated plane that the people of energy, of intelligence, and of refinement may be reached. Nowhere in this world can be found a class of people of greater refinement, generosity, hospitality, and the graces which constitute them true Christian ladies and gentlemen than are the best people of the South.

It is true that there are many in terrible need of help, but we believe that God will help us in time, and in a brief time at that, to reach the people who will make this work self-supporting, and who will make the South a great missionary field for work in the semi-tropical lands of heathenism. Yes, the South has abundant resources in men and means, and must yet play an important part in the closing work.

Let us give and pray that this may be speedily accomplished, for surely the Lord will not come and leave the work unfinished in the South for which he has been so earnestly calling to this people for many years through the Spirit of Prophecy. Remember that the first one-third of the \$150,000 fund comes to the South. Who will help now, sending your gifts through your church or Conference treasurer? J. S. WASHBURN.

NINETIETH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

"KNOWLTON, QUE., Jan. 2.—On New Year's Eve, the occasion being the ninetieth birthday of Mrs. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Fred England invited several friends and neighbors to the sanitarium to honor this lady and to wish her many happy returns of the day. Although for several months Mrs. Andrews had not been able to come down from the second floor, the nurse brought her down to the parlors and whatever of the other patients were able to be present, with the staff of the sanitarium. All entered into the spirit of the occasion and an informal program was carried out, interspersed with cheerful conversation. The Revs. Smith, Taylor and Elder Lindsay, as well as Mr. Justice Lynch, were present, and made happy speeches of short

duration. Mrs. Fay gave several selections on the piano and violin, and Miss Beatrice Macgowan sang a number of pretty songs. Nurse Brown gave some humorous recitations, and songs and choruses were sung by several of the other nurses. Mrs. England served dainty refreshments and a most enjoyable evening passed away. With many good wishes for the New Year, the party dispersed about ten o'clock."

Mrs. Andrews has been a patient here for over two years.

Mr. England and his brothers are carrying on a large tannery. Just recently he went to New York and bought a shipload of dry hides from South America for tanning. Cars of hemlock bark are unloaded daily here for the tannery, and it is gathered from far and near; much of it from a thousand miles off. Timber is becoming very scarce here as well as in the States.

Rev. Smith is the Methodist Episcopal pastor. Mr. Taylor is District Superintendent of Schools, over six districts, and Judge Lynch is a noted advocate of Canada. The sanitarium has made us many friends.

We need immediately two graduated nurses competent to take the head of the work in the treatment rooms. I would like to correspond with some thorough and consecrated nurses.

D. E. LINDSEY.

THE NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE

THE Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute is prepared to give ten men students and five women students an opportunity to earn all of their regular school expenses while taking a course of instruction in preparing for missionary work. This offer is made with the special object of encouraging men and women to obtain a preparation to enter the Southern field as missionaries. There are many who are being impressed at the present time by the Spirit of God to come to this needy field to work. Some of these are not prepared to bear all of the expenses necessary in taking the required training. This offer will make it possible for such persons to enter the school. There are many opportunities just now to establish small, self-supporting, industrial schools where the Message can be taught in the most effectual manner. Those who expect to enter this field and desire some training before entering upon their regular work, are invited to write to E. A. Sutherland, Madison, Tenn.

The winter term opens Jan. 16, 1907.

E. A. SUTHERLAND.

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Sabbath begins Jan. 18 at 5:05 P. M.

Do not fail to read Elder Burkholder's "Request."

MRS. MARY COLEMAN has been called to attend the funeral of her brother at St. Clairsville, O.

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL and family have enjoyed a visit from Sister Kirkendall's father and mother who reside at Shreve, O.

DR. B. J. FERCIOT was elected religious liberty secretary of the Canton church. We should be glad to hear from other churches.

THOSE in the office do rejoice with the brother who wrote that his wife had given herself to the Lord without reserve, and pray that their united, godly lives may win others to the truth.

BROTHER NED ASHTON spent Sabbath with the Collegè family. He, with his wife, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Shepherd, left Sunday for their home in Pennsylvania where they are engaged in the work.

THE Credentials for State Conference delegates have been sent to all church clerks, and we hope that all who have not yet reported will do so immediately. Also do not fail to notify Brother James E. Shultz of the same, that he may be able to provide accommodations for all the delegates so there will be no confusion or embarrassment at the last moment.

"FOR my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Let all who attend the Conference, remember this admonition of the Lord, and so earnestly seek him that his Spirit may be able to direct in all that is said and done that the cause of truth may move onward to its final triumph:

ELDER A. G. HAUGHEY was in Academia last week and addressed the Mount Vernon church Sabbath on the \$150,000 fund. A most excellent meeting was held, and we believe that this church will come up to more than its

quota, as this is already subscribed, and the non-resident members are still to be heard from.

SISTER MAMIE MACKIN writes of the Findlay church: In regard to the \$150,000 fund our little church is doing nicely, and God is blessing wonderfully. We have sold about forty-five dollars' worth of books, and would have sold more if it had not been so near holidays. But we are still selling, the most timid of our members have gone out; and can't stop. We never had such a grand week of prayer. Truly the Spirit of God is working, and waking us up as never before. I hope we shall never say, "I can't," but press forward knowing we shall conquer in the strength of the Lord.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THIS office will be closed during the Conference, January 28-31, 1907.

Please send all orders immediately for supplies needed during this time.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY,

Per N. S. Miller, Missionary Sec.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES

ALL delegates to the coming annual session of the Ohio Conference will be requested to bring one pair of blankets and one comforter. While planning to accommodate all with free lodging, we fear that in the event of the weather being extremely cold, some might otherwise be subject to exposure upon entering strange beds.

JAMES E. SHULTZ,

Chairman Reception Committee.

A REQUEST

ALL persons intending to be present at the next annual session of the State Conference to be held at Clyde, Jan. 28-31, 1907, are requested to report at once to Elder James E. Shultz, Clyde, O. The Clyde church is making every possible provision for the entertainment and comfort of the delegates to this conference, and will need to know at an early date how many to provide for. In answering this request, please give your full name and home address; also stating your choice of room-mate, if you have any.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

BETHEL ACADEMY BURNED

We clip the following from the Wisconsin Reporter, and sympathize with them in their loss:

"It is with sadness that we tell our readers that the main building of the

Bethel Academy burned to the ground at six o'clock yesterday morning, January 1.

"The fire, which started in the boiler room, was beyond control when it was discovered. There being no wind, it burned slowly, allowing the students and faculty, who worked calmly and nobly to remove clothing, bedding, furniture, and also some of the doors, to a place of safety. The loss is estimated at \$13,000 with an insurance of \$4,500."

MARRIED

AT the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson of Wapakoneta, O., on Sunday, December 23, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Flora Belle, to Mr. Raleigh French, of Toledo, O. The ceremony was performed by Elder E. J. Van Horn, of Lake View, in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. French will reside in Toledo where the groom is engaged in mechanical work. G. S.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Jan. 4, 1907.)

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of deliveries, \$406.25.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$7.50; helps, \$4.50; total, \$12.

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 17 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps, \$5; total, \$15; deliveries, \$2.50.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 24 hours; value of orders, \$11; helps, \$8.50; total, \$19.50.

Elmer Sharp, Jackson Co.—Coming King: 29½ hours; value of orders, \$19; helps, \$8.50; total, \$27.50.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 13 hours; value of orders, \$3.50; deliveries, \$7.

OBITUARY

WETSEL.—Died at the Seventh-day Adventist sanitarium at Newark, O., Dec. 25, 1906, of valvular disease of the heart, terminating in dropsy. Oscar N. Wetzel, aged 39 years, 11 months, and 24 days. He was brought to his old home in Springfield for burial. In his boyhood days he united with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. About ten years ago through careful study of the Scriptures, he saw the binding obligation of God's holy Sabbath and began to keep it together with the kindred truths of the threefold message of Revelation 14. From that time he has been an ardent advocate of present truth. Since September, 1903, until his health failed him in the early summer of 1906, with his companion as helper, he had charge of the tent work in Florida, under the presidency of Elder George I. Butler. Besides his mother, one brother and one sister, he leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by the writer from the words of Christ concerning Lazarus, John 11: "Lazarus sleepeth," v. 11; "Lazarus is dead," v. 14; "He shall rise again," v. 24. The Lord gave great freedom in presenting the "blessed hope," Titus 2:12, to a good audience. J. G. WOOD.